

AL DENTE
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By the end of the starter, we'd covered, with ease and some laughter, our jobs, families, education, holidays – 'I love Ludlow! – and what we had planned for Christmas. It was during the main that I started to have doubts.

'So what's your favourite worst film?'

I was going to say *Carry On Camping* but didn't want her to think I had a thing for innuendo, so said I didn't know.

Her eyebrows might have raised. 'So what's your favourite best film?'

'That's easy. *The Godfather Part II*. Genius. What about you?'

'Jaws.'

'Very good.'

'I know! And the sequels. Genius.'

'I'm not –'

'And the spin-offs. *Sharktopus*, *Sharkzilla*, *Sharknado*, *Sharknado 2: The Second One*, *Sharknado 3: Oh Hell No!*, *Shark Night*, *Shark in Venice*, *Dinoshark*, *Ghost Shark*, *Swamp Shark*, *Super Shark*, *Jurassic Shark*, *Sand Sharks*, *2-Headed Shark Attack*, *3-Headed Shark Attack*, *Jersey Shore Shark Attack*, *Mega Shark in Malibu*, *Mega Shark vs Giant Octopus*, *Mega Shark vs Crocosaurus* ...'

While she was talking, I could see, stuck between her teeth, bits of hake and cabbage.